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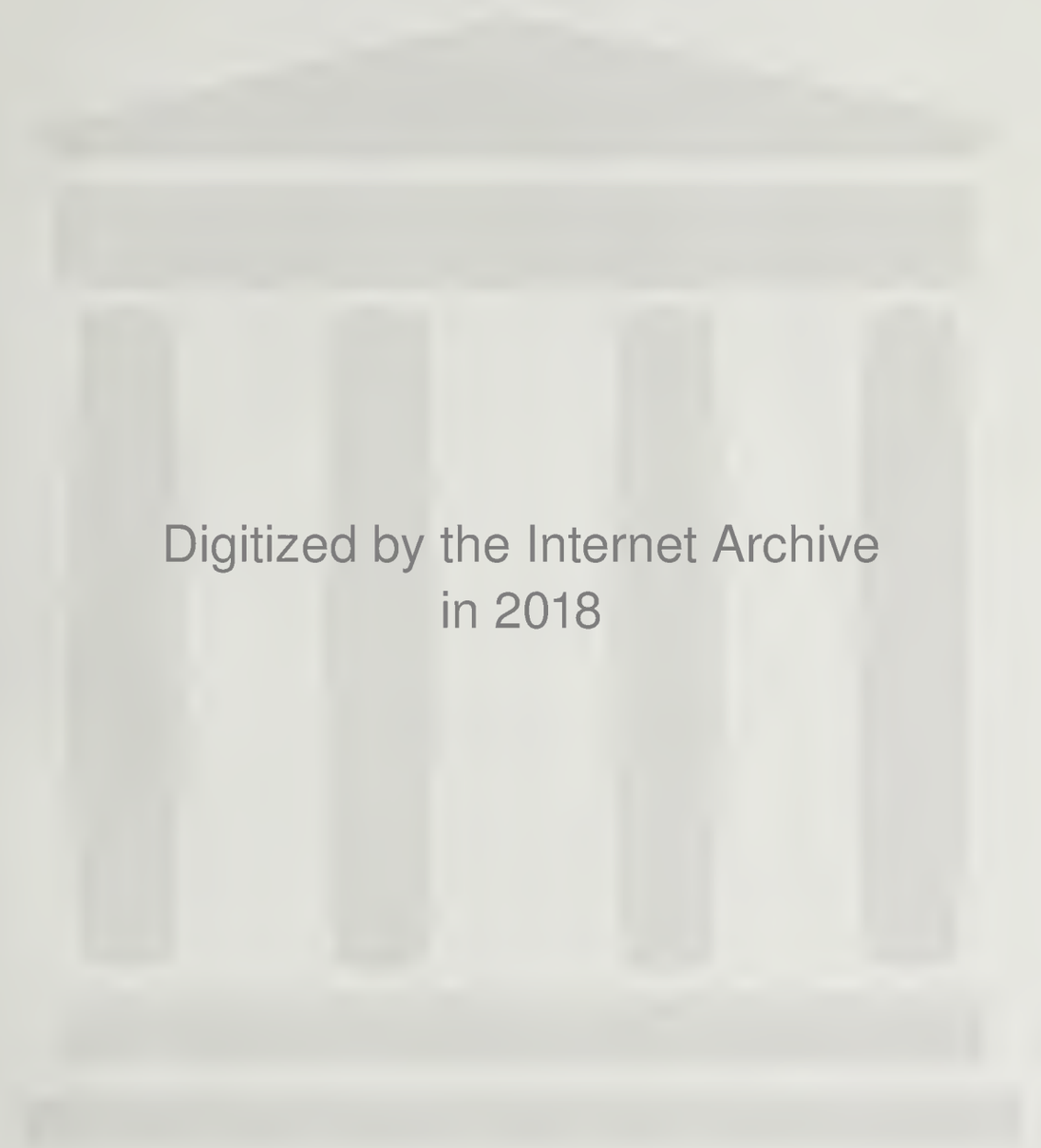

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Altho Miss Lucas' paper was written by her about 1940 or 1941 (before my paper of 1954 was published), it first came to my attention in 1959, when Mr. Loring McMillen supplied a copy from the original which I understand is in the files of the Staten Island Historical Society. From the copy furnished the present paper was prepared for publication.

Miss Lucas' work has been edited mainly to reflect information published since she wrote her paper.

Importantly, from recent discoveries, it has become "evident that the property on which the Perine House stands was owned by Pierre Billiou under a Dutch ground brief or patent" * * * *(Pwd).

As this paper goes to press Staten Island is preparing to celebrate its 300th anniversary. A Tercentenary Commission is making plans for the celebration thruout 1961, marking the first settlement at Oude Dorp in 1661 by Pierre Billiou and others.

E.G.V.N.

FOREWORD

The Ballou Coat of arms (GNM 4:25) is claimed by the New England family, descended from Maturin Ballou who was associated with Roger Williams in Providence Plantations in 1645. He must have come to America at the time Pierre Billiou went to Leyden. There is no record of his ancestry nor the locality in France from which he came. He was a Huguenot exile and used these armorial bearings. Pierre's family is known to have been of the minor nobility of Artois in Normandy and possibly of the same family. Maturin may have been an uncle, cousin, or other relative. In France all sons and daughters inherited equally in lands and titles, not only the oldest son as is customary where primogeniture is the law. Because of this, the children of Francoise were as much entitled to use the Du Bois heraldry (GNM 4:40) as were the children of her brother, Louis. This title is in direct line from an early Prince of Scyril in 476. But the name is derived from Guelph Du Bois, a Chamberlain and Grand Master of the Forests of France in 613. (See The Ballous in America by Adin Ballou, 1888).

THE BILLIOU NAME

The name Billiou is found in many spellings. It was written in the way it sounded to the particular Frenchman, Dutchman, or Englishman who was writing the record. Considered phonetically, these may be all from the same root.

Balieu	Ballou	Belew	Bellew	Belou
Baljou	Balu	Beleiu	Bellieu	Belue
Ballew	Balyou	Beleiw	Belliu	Belyou
Balljuw	Beleau	Belieu	Bellyou	Belyew

Belyoo	Biljuw	Billiow	Bilyeou	Bolyu
Belyou	Billau	Billou	Bilyer	Bullue
Belyu	Billeau	Billow	Bilyeu	Bulyeu
Bijhou	Billew	Billyou	Bilyew	
Bilew	Billewe	Bilyea	Bilyou	
Biljou	Billieu	Bilyee	Bilyue	
Biljouw	Billiou	Bilyeo	Boileau	

THE BILLIOU FAMILY

Pierre Billiou, born in Normandy, about 1632 (note a). emigrated from Walslant in the Walloon area (AG 33:50; RH 27; SIP 1:108) on the ship "St. Jan Baptiste" May 9, 1661, arriving in New Amsterdam August 6, 1661. His wife, Francoise Du Bois, of Reims,(daughter of Christian Du Bois of Wicres), supposed sister of Louis, the founder of the New Paltz colony, married him in Leyden April 6, 1649 (note a). His family consisting of his wife, four small daughters and his oldest son born at sea, settled in Flatlands, an early Walloon community in what is now part of Brooklyn. (But see below.) Some court records and petitions for lands call him Peter Balou of Gravesend (BKCS 5:26). He did not stay long in that neighborhood, for on August 22, 1661 (NYCM 9:735; CHM 227; SIP 1:104-106; RH 27; SIA 6:115), he applied for land on Staten Island; and before the end of the year 1663 a small group of Walloons had built a blockhouse (BH 71) for defense against the Indians a few miles south of the Narrows and provided ten men and two small cannon as protection for the little settlement being built at Oude Dorp, south of the fort. Ammunition was supplied June 26, 1662 (SIP 1:104).

Pierre was a prominent leader in Staten Island affairs for forty years and his political activities, litigations, and real estate transactions give a good outline of his vigorous and successful career (SIP 1:118).

On March 18, 1664 (BHNY 729) Pierre Billon and David de Marest were elected to represent Staten Island in a conference planning methods for protecting the outlying districts against the Indians. On May 14, 1669 (SIH 19:12) he was in command of a file of men organized to protect and safeguard against the Indians.

The Dutch fleet having entered New York Bay July 27, 1673, at the election August 25, 1673, Pieter Biljou was elected chief Schout and Schepen (sheriff and magistrate) (SIH 19:12). In October of the same year he was commissioned (NYCD 2:629) to send an express to notify the Dutch Governor of any ships coming inside Sandy Hook from the sea. So zealous was his manner as sheriff that on January 22, 1674 (during Dutch rule) (NYCD 2:681) a committee was empowered to call a Town Meeting and examine charges brought against Schout Biljouw and compose the differences if possible.

The various litigations cover the years 1670-1686. Prior to 1683 Staten Island cases were tried and recorded at Gravesend (SIH 19:5,11). One case involves a charge against Christopher Billup for fish nets borrowed and returned damaged after three years. He brought action against Ananias Turner December 4, 1681 for the sale of a cow in September of the same year and against James Pitne for debts (SHGM 1:7). Thomas Walton brought charges against Peter Beliew because of two guns confiscated by him while Schout and Schepen under Dutch rule (SHGM 1: 225). Peter was ordered to return or replace the guns but he avoided this for a year, and the English courts dismissed the case since it had happened under Dutch jurisdiction. In New Jersey, litigation (MxC 45) against Richard Powell of Woodbridge was listed for March, 1686, without mentioning the cause or result. The other decisions were in his favor.

There is no recent tradition respecting the Billeau homestead. The first Billiou house on Staten Island was at Oude Dorp. Oude Dorp has only recently been rediscovered in the present Oakwood Heights. On October 11, 1676 (MH 1:93; CH 210; BH 87), not 1679? (SIA 6:119), Jasper Dankers and Peter Sluyter traveling through Staten Island des-

cribed Oude Dorp - "There were seven houses, but only three in which anybody lived. The others were abandoned, and their owners gone to live on better places on the Island, because the ground * * * * was worn out and barren, and also too limited for their use. We went into the first house, which was inhabited by English" (CH 214).

Pierre is referred to in documents as Peter Billeau of Great Kills, which must have been the location with which he was associated, although his land grants covered large sections of the island. (But later discoveries indicate his place of residence. See "Staten Island Homestead" below. E.G.V.N.)

Under the English rule, Staten Island (BH 75), Long Island, and West Chester became the three Ridings of Yorkshire for administrative purposes (SIH 19:11).

The times seemed auspicious for expansion, and Pierre must have been a man of considerable business enterprise to accumulate enough money to acquire land in many new locations: the New Lots (BH 127) of Oude Dorp, and Fresh Kills in Staten Island, 60 acres in Elizabeth Town (NJA 21: 192) on March 15, 1677, 60 acres in Piscataway February 3, 1678, and in the same year a tract in Bridgewater township (NJA 21:112). Perhaps this last transaction included the lands near Blue Hills (Plain Field) (BTR) as well as those in Raritan (Somerville) (BTR), on which he paid taxes in 1690 and on which his grandsons settled in the next generation. There is a deed for 180 acres in Middletown in 1680 and an additional 210 acres in Piscataway in 1690 (PW 70,105,122). Most of the contemporary grants (NJA 21) in these neighborhoods were bounded in some direction by Billeau property. The name appears over and over again in Volume 21 of New Jersey Archives, 1st series, associated with the Huguenot neighbors and relatives of Staten Island who were expanding their holdings in East New Jersey.

The detailed account of the Raritan acres gives an outline of methods used for farming these scattered properties profitably. In 1690 and 1691 (BTR) Peter Bilyou owned land in Bridgewater township with John Brown. Their ratables were 160 acres, five horses, nine cattle, four hogs and a household of five. In 1692, John Brown had worked out his agreement and Peter's ratables were 110 acres, four horses, four cattle, two hogs. Brown's ratables were 50 acres, one horse, five cattle, two hogs and a household of five to manage both farms. There are several references to Billeau horses and meat cattle and they figured as the subject of several of the cases at law. The bill of sale (EJPR) recorded in the Surveyor General's library of the East Jersey Proprietors in Perth Amboy gives this information: Peter Billeau of Great Kills, Staten Island sold one yoke of steers, three-year-olds, one cow, one calf and an ox called Bembo. Since only prize cattle were known by name, Bembo adds distinction to this group.

On January 17, 1696, Geertje Spiegelaer (BKCS 270) of Gravesend published the banns that she was about to marry Peter Billjou of Staten Island. She was the daughter of Jan Aertsen (BKCS 320) of Utrecht and his wife, Anneken Hendricks of Bergen, Norway, and the widow of Jan Spiegelaer whom she married in Flatlands in 1677. The same day the marriage settlements (NYGBR 47:162) were drawn by Peter Billiou for his intended wife, Gerretje Spiegelear and by Geertje to her intended husband, Peter Bijhou. This settlement of Peter's is mistakenly quoted as a will in some records. On January 19, 1696 Peter wed "Gertie Hendricke". On September 11, 1699, Peter Biljou made his will, the exact text being available in full (VN 2). He was the last of the founders to die (SIH 19:12).

Children of Pierre Billiou and Francoise du Bois:

i. Marie, baptised March 3, 1650, deceased by 1699, mar. Arent Jansen Prall (1647-1725). He had 8 children or more; and left a Will (S 18). His granddaughter, Fransintye Morgan and Aert Simonson (4), born 1713, had a daughter Fransintye Simonson, baptized November 4, 1754, and a daughter, Sarah (S 9; SI 62).

1 ii. Martha, baptised February 8, 1652, died 1736, wed (1) Lieut. Thomas Stillwell, January 8, 1670. He was born 1651 and died 1705 (PH 22,53-59). Had children. Another Thomas Stillwell and Sara Van Namen (baptized 1697) had a son, Thomas, baptized December 22, 1723 (SI 29).

iii. Catharine deceased by 1699, wed Richard Curtis. Sons John,

Joshua, Samuel, Isaac, Richard baptized May 25, 1679 (W 85).

iv. Fransoyse, married (1) Nicholas Larzalere and had son Nicholas; married (2) John Morgan, born 1653, son of Charles (W; SIP 2:930; SHGM 1:150,151).

2 v. Isaac, baptized August 10, 1661, died (c) 1709, leaving Will. Wed Ida Suebering November 2, 1684 (W 86). Left children (below).

vi. Jacob, deceased by 1699. Wife Margaret. Had at least two children, Francoise and Peter (W). There are few records concerning him, and unfortunately several writers have confused him with his nephew, Jacob, son of Isaac.

vii. Chretienne, wed Abraham Marlet. Child, Abraham, baptized May 16, 1680 (W).

viii. ?Peter (W), baptized June 6, 1668 (BKCS 3:26); named in Patent of 1675 (SIH 12:4; VN:4). Not named in his father's will. Wed Maria Breese in 1701 (RH 494; SHGM 1:11).

Note. The estate of one James was settled by his chief creditor, Charles Sexton, a tanner, in Huntington, Long Island, where James Belue died in 1715, with no will to provide any information (WNYHS 26:151).

1. Martha (2), was baptized February 8, 1652 in Leyden and died in New Rochelle in 1736 after a long and eventful life. At Gravesend, Long Island, on January 8, 1670 (PH 22; PR 149), she married Lieutenant Thomas Stillwell (baptized July 9, 1651 at Gravesend), son of the famous Nicholas, who had attempted to establish his family in the settlements of Virginia and Long Island, and of Ann, his wife (PH 22). Thomas Stillwell, on September 29, 1677, acquired land on Staten Island listed as "part of the Dutch ground brief previously given to Pierre Billiou." (SIH 20:21; NYLP 4:138; PR 149; PH 20,44). The Billiou-Stillwell family and the Brittons lived in the homestead for many years before it was sold outside the family in 1746 (PH 58), and eventually became the property of the Perrine family. Thomas left a Will dated May 21, 1704 (PH 47) and died in 1705 (W 85). After her husband's death, Martha married the Rev. David De Bonrepos (BH 352) who had come to the French church at Fresh Kills and Stony Brook from the Huguenot colony in New Rochelle in 1697. They lived in Staten Island until 1717 when they returned to his former home. David's will (WNYHS 16:148) was probated in 1733 and Martha's in 1736 (WNYHS 27:213). Martha's son, Thomas, died intestate in 1711, and his mother was made administrator and guardian of his children. In her will, Martha mentions all the young Marthas named for her by her relatives and friends and "my three children," whose names were those of Thomas' family (PH 51).

Children of Thomas Stillwell and Martha Billiou:

i. Thomas, Jr., wed Mary (daughter of Jaques Poillon), who outlived him and married Valentine Duchesne of Staten Island. One of his daughters, Ann, married two eminent Staten Islanders - first, Peter, son of Peter Le Conte, and second, Paul Micheaux.

ii. Frances, born 1682, wed Colonel Nicholas (died 1740), son of William and Mary Britton (PH 53-59).

iii. Ann, wed, first, Samuel Van Pelt, and second after November 8, 1709, Jacobus Billeau, her cousin.

iv. Rachel, wed William, son of William and Mary Britton (PH 22).

2. Isaac (2), the oldest son (NJA 22:557) was born at sea between May 9 when his parents sailed and August 6, 1661 when they arrived in New Amsterdam. He was baptized August 10, 1661 (W 83). On November 2, 1684 he married Ida Suebringh, daughter of Jan Roel Seubring (born 1631) and his wife, Adrianna Polemus born in Brazil, daughter of Rev. Johannes Theodor Polhemius (GMNJ 3:106) and his wife, Catherina Van Der Werven. Ida was listed as living in Midwout, Long Island, at the time of her marriage and a Certificate of Transfer to Staten Island was dated November 25, 1684. Isaac remained on Staten Island and acquired additional lands, - 160 acres (NYCM 31 #76) in New Lots of Oude Dorp, now New Dorp, in 1685, and 160 acres (NYCM 46 #218) near Great Kills in 1693. These joined his father's patents in the same neighbor-

hoods (See map SII 1: opp. p. 38). In various documents Isaac is referred to as a planter of Richmond county. His will was drawn in 1696 but not probated until December 22, 1709 (WNYHS 26:34).

Children of Isaac (2) and Ida Suebering:

3 i. Jacob (3), born 1685, died September 1747 in Philadelphia, Pa. Wife Ann Stillwell (W 88).
4 ii. John, born 1687, died 1758 (W 89).
5 iii. Peter, born 1691 (W 90).
iv. Francina, named in her father's will.
v. Arijaentie, named in her father's will.
vi. Isaac - (VN 5).
vii. Abraham. In the census (SHGM 1:155; VN 5).
6 viii. Lucas, wed Barbara Janse Van Nuys, and had children (W 90).
ix. Daniel, born September 1, 1708, married (1) Sarah, married (2) Priscilla Wood. Daniel is not mentioned in the will of his father, Isaac, because he was born twelve years after it was written. He was baptized October 19, 1708 with Pieter Praal and his wife, Maria, as sponsors (SHGM 1:114). Isaac's oldest sister had married Arent Prall,and her son and his wife were sponsors for Isaac's youngest child. Daniel is mentioned in his brother John's will in 1757 (NJA 32:26). He served as 1st sergeant in Captain John Slapp's company in 1755, a company listed in the New York muster rolls (NYMR 1:810). But Daniel was living in Bridgewater township where four of his children were baptised (W 90).

3. Jacob (3), eldest son of Isaac, born 1685, married his cousin, Ann Stillwell (the widow of Samuel Van Pelt). He was still in Staten Island when he witnessed the will of Peter Lecount June 13, 1729 (WNYHS 35:137), but some time later he moved with his family to Pennsylvania where his will (Pa W) was probated as a resident of Moorland Manor in the county of Philadelphia on October 1, 1747. His eldest son, Isaac, born December 19, 1722, died October 22, 1808; daughter Martha McClean. Isaac (4) wed October 22, 1747 Rachel Brittain born December 29, 1724, died October 2, 1814. Children: Elizabeth (5), Ann, Jacob, Sarah (Wilson), Nathaniel B., Martha, Rachel (W 92; Pro. Huguenot Society Pennsylvania 29:50).

4. John (3), in court records for March 3, 1712 (BH 133; CH 165), was fined "for carrying syder upon the Sabbath Day." The following year he was granted letters of patent April 2, 1713 (NYCM 104 #137; SIP 1:146) to run a ferry from Sandy Bay (later Clifton) to New York and Long Island. He later moved to Somerset county where his will was probated July 29, 1758 (NJA 32:26). Names wife Ruth.

5. Peter (3) born in 1691 was in the census of 1706 and was Road Commissioner in Staten Island in 1715 (SHGM 1:55,155). He, too, seemed to have later settled in Somerset county where his children were baptised; and he was a Freeholder of Bridgewater township in 1753 (FSC). His name appears occasionally in Somerset county records for about two decades.

6. Lucas or Lewcas (3) settled on Pierre's land along the Raritan River (BTR) in Bridgewater township, Somerset County, New Jersey, next to the property owned by Jan Bosch, their Staten Island neighbor, whose name appears as John Bush (BTR) in the book of ratables. Lucas was elected commissioner (CHS App. 5) of Bridgewater township in 1750 at "the first meeting of the inhabitants of the township of Bridgewater after it had been formed." He was listed among the Freeholders of the township in 1753 (FSC). His name appears as a witness on various wills and local documents. He married Barbara Jance Van Nuys (GMNJ 12:28; NYGBR 36:276), daughter of Auken Jansen (Van Nuys) and his wife, Catherine Sebring (BKCS 260), of Raritan in Bridgewater township. The father's name appears as Ouke Johnson (PEW 32:177) in his sister's will of 1752. He was the son of Auk Janse (VV 26) from Midwout who was elected delegate to the convention of Dutch towns held at New Orange March 26, 1674. Barbara was baptised April 21, 1702 sponsored by Jan Sebring and his wife (SQ 2:41). She married John Harrison, son of Matthew Aerson and his wife, Mareytje Van Dyck, in

1720 (GMNJ 12:28). They had three sons, Matthew, Ouke and John, baptised between October, 1722 and February 26, 1727. John, her husband, died in 1727 or 1728. She married Lucas Billieu in 1734 and the baptisms of their six children were recorded in the Dutch Church at Raritan. Isaac (4), their second son, married Elizabeth Bush (SQ 8:62), daughter of John and Hannah Bush, whose property joined Lucas' in the book of ratables.

Their son, Peter, married Maria Ogborne, daughter of William Ogborne. The Ogbourn, Ogborne, and Osborne families are the same in spite of the differences in spelling. Samuel Ogborne of Burlington is the ancestor of this particular branch of the family (SHGM 4:150-163). The names of his sons, Samuel and William Osborne, appear in the records of Gravesend (BKCS 279) at the time of their moving to Staten Island where William bought lands of Captain Richard Stillwell in 1681 (BKCS 220), and sold his land to Daniel Lake in 1683 (JC 1:256), and moved to Achter Kol at Elizabeth Town in East Jersey. William, son of Samuel's son, John, lived at Middletown Point and married Rebeckah Perine of Freehold. They lived at Middletown Point for a short time and moved to Freehold before Maria was baptised on May 2, 1784 (OTC). William evidently was not a supporter of Old Tennant Church, for Rebeckah Ogburn is the only parent listed for Maria, while William, baptised June 24, 1787 (OTC 230) has "Rebeckah, wife of William Ogburn." Other baptismal records give the father's name first. The Ogborne, Ogburn family were very numerous, owning much land in Middletown township in the neighborhood of Ogborne's Corners (SHGM 4:162) which was located on the road between Middletown and Holmdel.

Maria married Peter Bilyou who lived in Upper Freehold township (WSH 274; MnH 458) where part of the children were born and their two older daughters were married. They moved to Philadelphia where their son, Aaron, became a successful builder and contractor for many years. The twelve children all lived to maturity, since the names of their respective husbands and wives are recorded, except for Isaac, the oldest son.

Aaron Pitney, their sixth child, was named for Dr. Aaron Pitney of Elizabeth Town and Middletown Point, a descendant of James Pitne whom Peter Balew sued for debt in 1681 (SHGM 1:7). Aaron Pitney Bilyeu, the trunk-maker of Highstown, may have been a brother of Peter and Margaret, although no record has been found to establish this relationship or verify the family tradition.

There was a James Pitney living on Cornelius Brees' property in Basking Ridge along the Dead River in Somerset county in 1720 (PBR 7). An ear mark was registered for him in Mendham in 1749 (MT 5). Aaron (SHGM 3:70) was born in 1757; he married Anna Bowne (WSH 135), daughter of Obadiah and Anna Reid, widow of James Provost of Cheesequake and lived for a time on her inherited estate at Matawan Plantations. After her death he married Williampe Hendrickson (WSH 128), widow of Aaron Longstreet, who survived him and was mentioned as his widow when his will was probated in 1815 (IWNJ 2:981). He served on the medical staff during the Revolution and acquired his title of Doctor. His son, designated as Dr. Aaron Pitney, M.D., lived in Upper Freehold Township. Although no relationship is evident, there is plenty of reason for supposing that the Bilyeu, Ogborne, and Perrine families of Upper Freehold were neighbors and friends of the Pitneys.

MILITARY RECORDS

Although no particular search was made for military records, this information was included in other material. Probably additional names could be located in New York and Pennsylvania records.

1715 Jacob Billiou, oldest son of Isaac of Richmond (NYMR 1:550), Richmond county militia, South company, Capt. James Pollon.

1715 Peter Billiou (1690-), son of Isaac of Richmond (NYMR 1:549), Richmond county militia, South company, Capt. James Pollon.

1715 Nicholas Larzalere (NYMR 1:549).

1755 Daniel Bellows (bp. Oct. 19, 1708-), youngest son of Isaac of Richmond (NYMR 1:37), 1st Sergeant. Capt. Slapp's company of Richmond county.

1776 Cornelius Bellyou (bp. Aug. 23, 1741-), son of Lukas and Barbara Bulyue (SJR 505). Private. Somerset county militia.

1776 Daniel Belew (bp. July 31, 1743-), son of Lucas and Barbara Bilyew (SJR 504)

or

1776 Daniel Belew (bp. Nov. 6, 1737-), son of Daniel and Sara Bulyue (SJR 504). Private. Somerset County militia.

1776 William Ogborne, father of Maria, wife of Peter Bilyeu. Private. Lt. Barnes Smock's Light Dragoons of Monmouth.

1812 William Bilyew of Middletown Point. Private. Capt. John Hulick's company.

Abram Crawley. Private. Jacob Haskin's company, Col. John Jacob's regiment, enlisted July 2, 1778 (Mass.)

Aaron Pitney Bilyeu. Enlisted Feb. 8, 1862 in 112th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Appointed Captain of Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. Volunteers, Sept. 24, 1862. Honorably discharged, July 2, 1865.

Additional family items not in the direct line for the Aaron Pitney Bilyou family:

Belue, Ann m. John Earl, May 21, 1796 (GMNJ 11:34).

Ballew, Anna L. (1861-) m. William B. Edsall, son of John G. and Susan (GMNJ 7:32).

Belyew, Annati Vansile, eldest daughter of Evert Vansile of New Barbadoes, wife of Jacob Belyew; children - Cathrine, Elizabeth, Hendricke, Anatie (Evert Vansile's will, 1781) (NJA 35:417).

Bilyee, Cathrine m. John D. Berdan, Jan. 11, 1783; son - Jacob (b. Feb. 12, 1784, bp. Mar. 7 -) (NJA 22:48).

Bilyeu, Cleary (1787-); wife Mary (1797-); children,

Mary Ann	(1814-	)
Jane	(1816-	)
Susannah	(1818-	)
Sally	(1819-	)
Eliza	(1822-	)
Johannah	(1824-	)
Elizabeth	(1826-	)
William	(1829-	)
Cornelius	(1831-	) (MnHS).

Bilyou, Hester, granddaughter of Rinier Rezeau (will, 1720) (WNYHS 26:226).

Bilyou, Jacob m. Jonanna Van Zeil, May 29, 1858, both from Bergen (see Annatie Vansile Bilyew) (NJA 30:606).

Belew, Jacob and wife, Hannah; daughter - Sarah (bp. Feb. 14, 1767) (StA 93).

Bilyou, Joanna m. Cornelius Williamson, June 22, 1851 (SQ 8:311).

Bilyou, Ledea, witness for Peter's claim for damages against the British (wife or daughter?) (BSC 12).

Belyou, Margritje, wife of Abraham Van Voorhesen; daughter - Elizabeth (b. Sept. 4, 1784, bp. Oct. 3 -) (HSC 1:248).

Ballou, Marguerite, granddaughter of William Theodore Lemay (will, 1795) (WNYHS).

Belew, Obadiah, husband of Martha who died May, 1798 (SHGM 2:262).

Belyu, Stryker, Witness, Sept. 7, 1755 (SQ 3:141).

Bilyeu, William and wife, Sarah Upson, of Somerset County; son - Truman W. (b. Oct. 31, 1847 -) (MxH 3:391).

Upper Freehold twp., N. J.
Philadelphia, Pa. — Peter (bp. May 10, 1776).

Philadelphia, Pa. — Aaron Pitney (Feb. 12, 1812 Mar. 20, 1894). (W.L.)
Mary Louise (Feb. 15, 1852-June 1,1924)

Mary Ann Crawley (Jan. 13, 1817-Sept. 5, 1887) daughter of Abram Crawley of Dedham, Mass. and Aletta Chidester (WL).

Joseph Simms Warnick (Sept. 27, 1849-Oct. 28, 1898 (WL).

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BILLIOU STATEN ISLAND HOMESTEAD (by E.G.V.N.)

Pierre Billiou and his associates having made application (note b) for land on Staten Island, were on August 22, 1661 given leave to

settle there (SIP 1:104; 2:845,863; PR 149; RH 493). The application in the Dutch language remains in existence at the New York State Library at Albany, but any document issued pursuant thereto is believed not to be extant. Of course, it is obvious that Billiou's Dutch Ground Brief had to be obtained before the English Conquest of August 29, 1664 (PH 20, 24; PR 149; SIP 1:863; Fwd).

The settlement by Pierre Billiou, et al, is generally recognized as the first permanent settlement on the Island. In an excellent article respecting Oude Dorp (with map), Mr. Loring McMillen expressed the opinion that Pierre Billiou and his associates came to the Island in the fall of 1661 (SIH 19:1,6). There can be no doubt that a settlement was in existence before June 26, 1662, the day when a consignment of gunpowder was supplied (SIP 1:104,105,120). Moreover, on August 26, 1664, Governor Stuyvesant wrote that a hamlet was begun "about two years ago" and has now about twelve to fourteen families of Dutch and French from the Palatinate. And on October 29, 1666, he wrote, the houses were "slightly constructed of straw and clapboards" (SIH 19:1,3, 9; SIA 6:116).

Any lingering doubts respecting the presence of Pierre Billiou on Staten Island are dispelled by his appointment on January 28, 1664, as Commissary of the Court of Justice (Schout and Schepen, i.e. Sheriff and Alderman) (SIP 1:106; SIH 19:11).

If perchance Pierre lived first in a somewhat protected village on the banks of Old Town Creek (SIH 19:6), he could not have remained there many years. In 1669 he was "best acquainted with the Indians" (SIH 19:12). Even before peace was had with the Indians, May 1, 1670, (SIP 1:115), he would probably have felt safe in building a new house on his high ground covered by his Dutch Ground Brief (PR 118). In 1669 he was regarded as "an Ancient inhabitant" (SIH 19:12). Certainly not later than 1670 he was living up on the Richmond Road (SIH 19:5; 20:21).

By October 1676, the ground around the village having become "worn out and barren," the owners had gone to live in better places on the Island (CH 214). Presumably the leaders might be the first to go, and to build better houses.

A general unsettling of titles had resulted from the recapture of New York by the Dutch on July 27, 1673 and its subsequent restoration to the English Crown under the Treaty of Westminster dated February 14, 1674. A new patent was, therefore, granted by Charles II to James, Duke of York and Albany, on June 29, 1674 (SIA 6:119). But Captain Clove apparently ruled until November 10, 1674 (SIH 19:12). Governor Andros granted a patent to Jacques Guyon, March 25, 1675 (SIA 6:119). By an order of Council, dated August 5, 1675, all persons holding warrants for land upon Staten Island were directed to apply to the Surveyor within six weeks to have their lands laid out (SIP 1:124). Accordingly Pierre Billiou for himself and his sons, Isaac and Peter, obtained a patent September 1, 1675 for other land at Great Kills (Patent 6:477), the English translation being entered on the calendar March 31, 1676 (NYCM 1:69; note b), after which a group of patents were issued to others September 29, 1677 (SIA 6:119), including Thomas Stillwell's patent (note b).

Even if it be true that Pierre disliked the English people (SIH 19:12), it would seem he did not remain out of favor with the English authorities for he (and his sons) obtained the patent in about a year. Evidently he had not done anything too hostile during the short Dutch re-occupation.

By sale or by some agreeable arrangement between Pierre Billiou and his son-in-law, Thomas Stillwell, or perhaps as an earlier gift representing his daughter's dowry, or otherwise, Thomas obtained the patent dated September 29, 1677 (note b). Soon thereafter there was erected upon the land a house from materials that had been previously used (SIH 20:21,22). These materials might possibly have been moved from the home of his father who had died in 1671 or 1672 (W 146; PH 38; Fwd; SIH 19:10; SIH 20:22). In 1704 when Thomas made his will he still lived upon the premises (PH 24,47).

Mr. McMillen has shown that Pierre Billiou built the stone house, and that it is now the oldest part of the "Billiou-Stillwell-Perine House" (Fwd). Certainly Billiou had plenty of opportunity to build the house during his long residence of forty years on the Island. The effort to learn the exact date of construction of the stone house,

apparently 1662-1663, surely represented a considerable challenge. But to have the assurance at last that Pierre Billiou was in fact the builder is of general and compelling interest, affording much satisfaction. For it is clear from Mr. McMillen's exhaustive studies of all the facts and circumstances, especiallyhis examination of the architecture, and his cogent reasoning that Pierre Billiou was the builder and occupant (SIH 20:21; Fwd). It is not within the scope of this paper to fix the date when Capt. Thomas Stillwell, Billiou's son-in-law, built the later section (PR 151; PH 45). It is likewise unnecessary to determine in this study whether there was a fire, or what other buildings may have been erected on the premises. The fact remains that the oldest part of the house was built by a French or Walloon pioneer (PR 150,151).

Mr. McMillen has given interesting details respecting the architecture of the house and of its restoration (SIH 6:9; 18:30; 20:21; Fwd). A photograph of the fireplace before restoration and detail drawings of its construction were published, as well as a floor plan and two elevations (SIH 6:9,15; 20:20,22). A study of one of the five roofs showed that the original had a high pitch - about 58 degrees (SIH 18:30). "As restoration neared completion in 1957, the oldest section * * * took on the appearance of a French farm house of the 17th century," the architecture being of "a type found in the lowlands of Europe. * * * This high beamed ceiling and massive fireplace give this room an impressive old-world aspect" (Fwd).

The present formal "garden has become one of the attractions of this historic building, and has won several awards." (Fwd).

Lovely photographs of the house may be seen by consulting "The Story and Documentary History of the Perine House," by Charles Gilbert Hine (1915). (Other photographs appear in SIP 1 opp. 118; SIH 18:30; PR Plate 38.)

BILLIOU MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Jacob B. Rue, Jr., Box 151, RFD #1, Keyport, N.J. claims descent from Pierre Billiou and the following: Maria Billiou m. Arendt Jansen Praal; Pieter Praal m. Mary Christopher; Isaac Praal m. Maria DuBois; Alcha Praal, b. Woodbridge, bap. Sept.16,1746, d. Hampton, Kings Co., New Brunswick, Canada, June 10, 1836, wed Capt. John Ford, b. Woodbridge March 26, 1746, d. Hampton, Feb. 23, 1823; Rachel Ford b. Woodbridge, Dec.15,1769, d. Havelock, Kings Co., N.B., Canada, m. Oaks Point, Aug.1,1786 to George Webb Price, b. July 7, 1761, d. Havelock, July 17,1845; George Marshall Price, b. Havelock March 17,1808, d. Havelock Jan.13,1882, m. Leucretia Blakney; Marshall Price, 1835-1899, m. 1857 Phebe Mullin, 1839-1922; Frank E. Price, 1870, d. 1947, Red Bank, N. J. m. 1897, Anna Mary Campbell, 1868-1942; Louise F. Price, 1905- ; Marshall Price Whitfield, b. 1932; Karen Ann Whitfield b. 1957. Children of John Ford and Alcha Praal: Rachel, b. Dec.15,1769 m. George Webb Price, Mary Nov. 29,1771 m. Wm. Munger, Isabel Oct. 2,1773 m. Wm. McCready, Catherine Aug.23,1775 m. Andrew Sherwood, Phebe Mar. 28,1778, single, Sarah Feb. 1,1780, single, John Praal, Aug.1,1789 m. Phebe Townsend, Allida, May 19,1782, m. John Palmer.

Information supplied by Mrs. B. H. Goad, 327 S. Pine St., Centralia, Ill. Joseph Bilyeu registered brand in St. Clair Co., Ill., Feb.20, 1810. Bond Co., Ill. in 1817. Left Will 1845. Isaac Smith Bilyeu born Dec.11,1801. John Birge Bilyeu born Dec.11,1801, a twin born in N.J. In census of 1850 Bond Co., Ill. Died June 11, 1873. Wed Martha Huston Powers, daughter of Rev. John Powers. Their daughter, Nancy Birge Bilyeu, born Jan. 11, 1830, wed August 22, 1846, John Wesley Vest (1823-1888), son of James Vest, born Middle, Tenn. 1801, died 1858. Emily Isabell Vest (1851-1936) wed Ira Ellis Hodson, born Ind., 1851. Will of another John Birge Bilyeu filed April 9, 1851, Bond Co., Ill. See History of Early Settlers of Sangamon Co., Ill., by J.C.Powers (1876). Other descendants are: Mrs. Marie McCracken, Greenville, Ill., George M. Hodson, RR #1, Centralia, Ill., Mrs. Alta Russell, 396 Main, South, Hartford 3, Conn., Clifton Jeremiah, Willisville, Ill.

Henry S. Belew had wife Sarah J. and son John, 1841 (GMNJ 26:50).

Billiou Avenue, Staten Island, is in the Huguenot Park area. Deeds to Bilyew, Monmouth County, N.J. O:449; O:85; S:564; O:234.

Will Isaac Bilyue of Upper Freehold, 1808 (NJA 40:31).

Will John M. Bilyeu of Monmouth, 1882.

Respecting Belyou, see GMNJ 33:7. Respecting Ballou, see Proceedings Huguenot Society Pennsylvania 28:83.

Respecting Barcalow (Van Barkelo), see NYGBR 84:77; PW 6:1154; GMNJ 14:87.

John Jarmyn of Staten Island, blacksmith, died intestate. His wife, Anne, was appointed Administratrix November 20, 1679. The inventory included 1/2 of a house and plantation (WNYHS 1:62; SIP 2:910; SIH 19:9; SII 6:80). Mr. Lloyd M. Campbell, 6281 McCommas Ave., Dallas 14, Texas, would like ancestry of Cornelius Billiou.

BILLIOU FOOTNOTES

a. A recent examination of the marriage record shows that they were married April 6 (not 20), 1649, that he was of Lille, and she of Reims. This is taken to indicate their birthplaces.
b. Photostatic facsimilies are in my possession. (E.G.V.N.)

More about

THE SIMONSON FAMILIES

of Staten Island, New York.

Being Addenda and Emendations to the paper dealing with these families, published December 1, 1959

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ADDENDA and EMENDATIONS

Page 2. February 12, 1645, Paulus Heyman, j.m. Van Leyden, wed Tryntje Barents, wed[e] van Claes Driessen (Index pub. by NYG&B containing marriages from 1639 to 1702, p. 13). Does this possibly relate to the wife of Barent (1) Symonsen?

Page 2. Wyntje Arents, wife of Symon Barentsen (2), was the daughter of Aert Teunissen Van Putten and his wife, Susanna, daughter of Jan Van Schunenburg (RH 147,166).

Page 2. The deed of February 15, 1700 unto Barent Simonson was made by Johannes Messeeur (Messiour), not Mersereau (RD B:384). (Messeeur also made a deed dated May 12, 1701 to John Bodine of Middlesex County, N. J. for land at Charles Neck, Staten Island.) In 1715 Bernard Simons was in the Richmond County Militia (NYMR 1:549).

Page 3. Barent and his sons, Simon and Aaron, and probably Johannes, are mentioned from 1735 to 1746 in the Janeway Account Books (GMNJ 35:42).

Page 3, line 8. Licenses were issued (SIP 1:146).

Page 3. Isaac Simonson (3) was a sponsor, July 3, 1707 (SI 11).

Page 5. Dina, the supposed wife of Johannes (4) (1707?-1777), may have been the Dina Van Leuven, baptized January 6, 1712 at Kingston, N.Y., daughter of Peter and Margaret (Wood) Van Leuven, granddaughter of Andries Pieterse Van Leuven and Maritje Davidts. (GSNJ).

Page 7. In 1715 Aert Symmesse was a private in the North company of militia at Staten Island, under Captain Augustin Graham (SIP 1:145; 2:953; NYMR 1:547).

Page 11. Barent (5) Simonson (1759-1831) had a daughter, Johannah (Hannah) (6) Simonson (1788-1881), who wed October 31, 1816, Oliver Decker (single) (SI 182), and had a daughter, Sarah Ann (7) Decker, born Nov. 30, 1827 (SI 122) died 1906, who wed Norris Evans (1824-1903), and had a son, George Alfred (8) Evans, M.D. (1850-1925), who wed Zoa Louise Macumber (1855-1936) and became the parents of George C. Evans (9), my informant.

Page 11. I am advised that Elizabeth (Barnes) Simonson, daughter of George Barnes (1732-1821) and Dorothy Vanderbeck (1745-1822), was born July 12,1767, and that (besides the three daughters), she had a son, George Barnes Simonson born in March, 1800. I am also advised that Daniel C. Blake (1802-1876) and Ann (Barnes) b. 1805, d. 1895, had a

* See Who's Who in America.

daughter, Mahala Salina Blake, who wed John Henry Crocheron (1829-1898) and had daughter, Abbie Egbert Crocheron, who wed John Frederick Smith.

Mr. William L. Savacool, 148-14 Eighty Fifth Drive, Jamaica, N.Y., writes that his mother's maiden name was Maggie La Forge, daughter of William Cole La Forge and Mary Barnes; Mary Barnes was the daughter of George Barnes, and his wife Margaret Simonson, born May 24, 1792, whose parents were John Simonson and Mary ---.

Page 15, 16, note b. Dr. George E. McCracken, Genealogist, states, "It is true that the wife of Jan Quisthout was Janneke Barents, but it is not true that she married, second, Willem Simonszen. This Jenneke Barents did marry, second, Jan Pieterszen van Goestorp, alias Bosch, alias (just) Jan Pieterszen, and they had seven children." See The American Genealogist 33:1-2. William Simonson remains eliminated as an ancestor because of the affirmative proof of the consanguinity of those mentioned on page 2 (S).

Page 16, note c. Respecting "another" Hans Christophel, see SIP 1:101,104; 2:875; SIH 19:9,10; PH 19,45). The name Hans Christophel is not mentioned in the partial list of survivors of the disaster of 1655 as published (SIP 1:101). In 1715 Johannes, Barent, and Stoffell Christopher were in the Richmond County Militia (NYMR 1:547).

Page 17, note g. It is possible that Appollonia, wife of Barent (3), was a daughter of Johannes Messeeur and Neeltie, his wife (RH 107).

Page 17, note k. Mrs. King advises that Aert Simonson's second wife, Margaret was the widow of William Gowen (Guyon), whom she married in 1712, and by whom she had Jannetje in 1713 and Elizabeth in 1716. She refers to NYGB Coll. vols. 1 & 2.

Page 19, Addendum B. The following is a partial copy of the Eddy paper.

Jacob Simonson was born on Staten Island, N.Y. in 1768, and before marriage was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church at Port Richmond, S.I. On January 22nd, 1790, he married Adaontia, daughter of James Poillon and Frances LeCompte, in New York City. They lived on a large farm at New Springville, S.I. where both became members of St. Andrews P. E. Church at Richmond. He died intestate, on October 27, 1844, in his 76th year. His wife was aged 106 years, 1 month, and 5 days. Both are buried in the Cemetery at West New Brighton, adjoining Christ Episcopal Church.

Children:

i. Elizabeth, born January 23, 1791. Married 1st ----- Simonson, a relative. Married 2nd, ----- Pinckney. Children by 1st husband: Caroline, married ----- William Hoag; Jeremiah? Children by 2nd husband: Catherine, married ----- Jones.

ii. Barnet, born on S.I. 1793.

iii. Johanna, born on S.I. October, 1795, died in New York City July 22nd, 1880.

iv. James, born on S.I. January 28th, 1798.

v. Jacob, Jr., born on S.I. March 18th, 1800, was drowned, date not known;married 1831 Jemima W. Enyard, born November 20th, 1814, died August 11th, 1840. Children:
Jacob, born August 22nd, 1834, died 1850.
Mary Jane, born October 18th, 1832, died -----1921.
Frances born August 2nd, 1836, died February, 1893.
Cornelius B., born March 12, 1838, died 1861 on a War vessel in War of the Rebellion.

vi. Frances, born on S.I. June 2nd, 1803, died December 14,1882, married William Pinckney (a veteran of the War of 1812) born October 8, 1795, died Sept. 25, 1873. Children: Jacob, Eliza Ann, married Geo. Alexander, John, Adeline, George, Samuel, died February 21, 1928.

vii. Judith, born on S.I. October 1804, married 1st -----Bureger, married 2nd, Timothy Bogart. Child: Johanna, married ----- Summers.

viii. Simon, born on S.I. December 22nd, 1806, died in N.Y. City March 10th, 1891, married May 31st, 1839, Maria, daughter of John P. Poillon and Elizabeth Seguine.

ix. John P., born on S.I., died in N.Y. City, married 1835, Maria Van Horn.

(AUTHORITY: Family Bible owned by Jacob Simonson in possession of

Wm. S. Eddy.)

Simon Simonson, son of Jacob Simonson and Adaontia Poillon, died in New York City where he had lived most of his life. He married 1st - Maria Poillon of Staten Island. She was the mother of his children. She was born August 5, 1810 on S.I. and died in N.Y. City on April 29, 1857. He married 2nd - Nancy Clark of Brooklyn, N.Y. on November 1863. She died June 24, 1888. All are buried in the West New Brighton Cemetery adjoining Christ Episcopal Church, S.I. His will dated July 16, 1889, was proved April 2, 1891. Liber 449: fol. 332, Register's Office, N.Y. City.

Children:

i. Elizabeth, born in N.Y. City March 12, 1840, died at Mt. Tabor, N. J. September 3rd, 1928. Married October 28, 1862, Alfred Eddy, son of Andrew Eddy and Catherine S. Poillon, who was born on S.I. March 11, 1830 and died at Morristown, N. J. June 2nd, 1908. Children: Charles Winfield, born February 23, 1864, died June 20, 1903; Emma Louise, born October 29, 1871, died November 11, 1872; William Simonson, born June 13, 1875; Frederick Wardell, born September 13, 1881.

ii. Jenet, born in N.Y. City January 21, 1842, died December 29, 1908, married December 11, 1878, Thomas Arnel, born 1841, died July 18, 1906. Children: Eugene, born October 1879, married and lived at Schenectady, N.Y. and has 5 children; Edgar, infant died at age of 6 months.

John Poillon Simonson, son of Jacob Simonson and Adaontia Poillon was born October 18, 1810, died June 20, 1868. He married in 1835 Maria Van Horn who was born April 19, 1811, and died in N.Y. City January 24, 1889.

Children:

i. John, born May 27, 1836, died August, 1922 in Florida.

ii. Mary Eliza, born September 9, 1838, on S.I., died March 26, 1928. Married June 23, 1886, William H. Wilson, born August 7, 1854.

iii. Oscar, born 1840.

iv. Margaretta, born March 17, 1844. Married December 28, 1893, Albert W. Marker, born July 23, 1838, died June 2, 1903.

v. James T., born June 9, 1849, died February 12, 1893.

(AUTHORITIES: Family records in possession of Wm. S. Eddy.)

SIMONSON MISCELLANEOUS

a. In 1715 Aaron Prale was in the Richmond Co. Militia (NYMR 1:550). He was a Walloon (SIP 2:940; RAH 56).

b. Harmanus Garretson and Autty Simonson had a daughter, Margaret. She wed James Guyon? (SIA 6:122).

c. Simon Simonson, of old Hackensack, was ordered arrested as a Loyalist in 1777 (Min. of Council of Safety; Sabine).

d. Leah Simonson was the wife of John Snedeker, died Jan. 5, 1815 in 87th year (GMNJ 14:66).

e. Nils and Johan Simonsson came to the Delaware River with their families in 1656. See Finlandia by S. C. Olin (1957), p. 176.

f. Earle M. Simonson, Esq., 7484 Amboy Road, Staten Island, wrote me that his father was James Alfred Simonson, born 1873, mar. Agnes T. Messner; grandfather, John, b. 1837, mar. Adelaide Weir; great grandfather, Aaron of Rossville. John's brothers were Augustus, Daniel, William, and possibly Reuben.

Earle M., born in 1898, married Margaret Jane Gelling (DAR). They have three daughters, Margaret S. Baigas (Joseph F. Baigas, Jr.), Jane Agnes, and Anne Weir Simonson. Children of Margaret: Laura Jane, Joanne Robbie, Joseph F. Baigas III, and Kathylee Anne.

g. Anna S. Beckett (Mrs. H. L.) of Roseville, Ill., eldest grandchild of Simon Van Artsdalen Simonson and Anne Wortman sends this data (which I have condensed). She is a member of the D.A.R.

John Simonson wed (3) Elizabeth, daughter of Dennis Stryker and

Magdalena Hoagland. They had several children baptised at Readington, N. J., including

i. Simon Van Artsdalen, b. December 4, 1786 (to Ill. or Ind.).
ii. Dennis, married Ellen Nevius.
iii. Brachie, married Simon A. Nevius, Ellen's brother (to Raritan, Ill.).

Dennis, b. 1793, wed (1) Gitty Cox. Sons: John (minister), no issue. Garrett mar. Martha Dunham (to Ill. then Troy, Mo.). Two children: Robert Barkley D. Simonson, mar. Emma Cortelyou; Gertrude M. (Troy, Mo.) - 5 children.
Dennis wed (2) Ellen Nevius (N.J.)
Children:

i. David Nevius, b. 1828 (Bushnell and Raritan, Ill.).
ii. Simon Van Artsdalen, b. Feb. 9, 1830, d. Oct. 31, 1921 (Ill.).
iii. Stryker.
iv. Mary E. (David Wykoff) b. 1832 (Lodi, N.Y.).
v. Gertrude E. (Parker Wright) b. 1833 (Calif.).
vi. Belinda, b. 1835, married Abram Wyckoff.
vii. Dennis S. (1838-1868) married Harriet West.
viii. Henry C. :
ix. Henrietta : twins, b. 1840, unmarried.
x. James W., b. 1842. Civil War (Rock Island, Ill.).
xi. Anne L., b. 1845.

Simon Van Artsdalen Simonson (North Branch, N. J.) on February 24, 1854, married Anne Elizabeth Wortman (to Raritan, Ill. 1854).
Children:

i. Dennis N., born 1853 - 10 children (Kansas).
ii. Peter W., born Sept. 12, 1857; Susan Wright Davis - eight children; d. 1934 (Kansas - Warren Co., Ill.); grandson, Paul L. Beckett (See Who's Who).
iii. Ellen, died young.
iv. John, 1861-1925, four children.
v. Ellen, 1863-1884, married Samuel Rankin - 9 children
vi. Walter, 1866-1891 - two children (Kansas).
vii. William, 1868-1960 - children.
viii. Martha L., b. 1870, married Andrew Hixson - 7 children
ix. Alice, b. 1874, married Asa Worthington - 1 son.

h. A descendant, Mrs. George Humbert (nee Bess Simonson) in 1944, lived at 439 Ocean Avenue, Lynbrook, Long Island.

i. Lineage of John C. Simonson:

Abraham Voorhees, b. Jan. 13, 1728, d. Mar. 20, 1801, married Apr. 5, 1751 Gertrude (Lot) Voorhees, b. March 12, 1732.
Abraham Simonson, b. Feb. 12, 1750, d. Sept. 3, 1818, married Dec. 11, 1785, Ida (Voorhees) Simonson, b. Aug. 28, 1767, d. Apr. 15, 1851.
Children:

i. John Simonson, b. Jan. 3, 1788 at Summerset, N. J.
ii. Abraham Simonson, Jr.,b. June 3, 1790 at Summerset, N.J.
iii. Barnabas Simonson, b. Nov.24,1791 at Huntington Co.,N.J.
iv. Jacob Voorhees Simonson, b. Oct. 24, 1792 (1794) at Charleston, N.Y.
v. Magdalin Simonson, b. June 7,1799 at Charleston,N.Y.
vi. Marice Simonson, b. Feb.7,1804 at Bedminster Co.,N.J.
vii. Minney Voorhees Simonson,b.Mar.17,1807,Bedford Twp.,N.J.
viii. Cornelius Simonson (Died Sept.7,1854.)

Jacob Voorhees Simonson b. Oct. 24, 1794 at Charleston, N.Y., wed 1812 Massa (Sutton) Simonson, d. 1822 at Bedford Township, N. J.
Aaron Sutton Simonson, b. Dec. 19, 1819 at Hamilton Co., Ohio, d. April 16, 1897 at Brazil, Indiana, wed Oct. 8, 1840, Rebecca (Morris) Simonson, b. Apr. 18, 1820 at Butler Co., Ohio, d. Mar. 26, 1892 at Brazil, Indiana.
Morton Lincoln Simonson, b. Sept. 16, 1864 at Brazil, Ind., d. Oct. 12, 1941 at Loveland, Okla., wed Sept. 17, 1897, Mary Ellen (Bobo)

Simonson, b. Nov. 24, 1871 at Brazil, Indiana, d. June 7, 1954, at Frederick, Okla.

John C. Simonson, Vice President Robberson Steel Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

The above lineage of John C. Simonson was supplied by Mr. Lloyd D. Simonson, 25 North Drive, Haddonfield, N. J., who himself was born on Staten Island. He likewise furnished the following quotation:

Biographical sketch of Aaron S. Simonson, as recorded in Historical and Biographical Illustrated Counties of Clay and Owen, Indiana, pages 511, 512, Charles Blanchard, Editor (1884).

Aaron S. Simonson, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, December 19, 1819, and is the only son of Jacob and Massa (Sutton) Simonson, natives respectively of New York and New Jersey. Jacob Simonson was a weaver and farmer, and about 1812 married, moved westward, and located on the Miami; where he lost his wife. He soon after remarried, moved to Northern Ohio, and later, after leaving his home to visit his children, he was never again heard from. His father, Abraham Simonson, was a Revolutionary soldier and early settler of Ohio. Aaron S. Simonson was left motherless when three years of age, taken to Franklin County, Ind., and there remained until twenty years of age. Oct. 8, 1840, he married Miss Rebecca Morris of Butler County, Ohio, a union favored with ten children, five of whom are living - Isaac M., Ida M., Nancy A., Benjamin F., and Morton L. In Sept. 1848, Mr. Simonson moved to his present locality, having purchased 520 acres, and here he built a cabin and began to make a home, at which he labored during the summers and taught during the winters. He has now a good home with improvements, and 120 acres under cultivation. In 1864, he was drafted for the war service, and assigned to Company G, Fifty-seventh Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, of the Corps of Gen. Thomas. He participated in all the battles of that section, and was discharged in June, 1865.

SOMETHING ABOUT PRALL 1597605

Mrs. D. Walter Myers, 8555 Clough Pike, Cincinnati 30, Ohio, states:

John Nelson Prall b. New Jersey Oct. 3, 1779; d. Pennsylvania Jan. 10, 1875; m. (1) Mary Mathis; Children: William M. 1801, Elizabeth, Sarah, Benjamin, Nancy, Jackson 1815, Harrison, Mary; m. (2) Jane Bollen 1849 Pennsylvania.

William M. Prall b. Pennsylvania Sept. 21, 1801; d. Ohio Feb. 2, 1888; m. Margaret Wood May 18, 1823 Pennsylvania; Children: Tabitha 1824, William Jackson 1826, John Nelson 1828, youngest son died of Cholera 1833.

William Jackson Prall b. Pennsylvania May 26, 1826; d. Ohio Apr.2, 1898; m. Mathilda Scott Monteith 1850 Ohio; Children: Joseph Waterman 1852, William 1853, Wilhelmina 1856, Charles J. 1859, Dana M. 1861, Anna.

Joseph Waterman Prall b. Ohio 1852; d. Pennsylvania Dec. 1935; m. (1) Julia Ann Bell May 12, 1882; Children: Wilhelmina 1883, Stella 1884, Francie 1893; m. (2) Margaret Hiser.

Francie Prall b. Ohio Jan. 24, 1893, living; m. James Alnutt Strider July 5, 1914 Ohio; Children: Julia Elizabeth 1915, Thomas Prall 1927.

Julia Elizabeth Strider b. Michigan July 16, 1915; m. David Walter Myers Sept. 2, 1944 Penna.; Child: Sally Sue 1950.

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MnHS	Bible records in Monmouth County Historical Society.
MT	Genealogical data of Mendham and neighboring townships (1935).
MxC	Middlesex County, New Jersey,Court Minutes. 1686.
MxH	Wall, John Patrick History of Middlesex Co.,N.J. 1664-1920. 3 Vols.
NJA	New Jersey Archives, 1st series.
NJAG	New Jersey Adjutant General's office,Records. 1791-1815. (1909).
NJHSC	New Jersey Historical Society Collections - 1st series, 10 vols.; 2nd series, 12 vols.; 3rd series, 10 vols.; new series, 16 vols.
NYCD	New York colonial documents, Holland documents, v.1, 1603-1656. (1856); v. 2, 1657-1678. (1858).
NYCM	New York colonial manuscripts, indorsed land papers.
NYGBR	New York Genealogical and Biographical record.
NYLP	Copies of Original Letters Patent at Staten Island Hist. Soc.
NYMR	N.Y. muster rolls, 1755-1764. Colonial Series (Historian reports).
OTC	Symmes, Frank R. Old Tennant Church. Appendix. (1897).
PaW	Jacob Bellue will, Aug.31,1747 (filed in Philadelphia Oct.1,1747).
PBR	Rankin,John C. Presbyterian church of Basking Ridge. (1872).
PEW	Petition of those living near the Lawrence Line to have East and West Jersey boundary confirmed by law. Nov. 17, 1775.
PH	Story and Documentary Hist. of Perrine House, by C.G.Hine (1915).
PL	Perrine Letter, June 22 (to Miss Lucas).
PR	Pre-Revolutionary Dutch Houses and Families in Northern New Jersey and Southern New York, by Rosalie F. Bailey.
PW	Monnette, O Piscataway and Woodbridge...7 vols. (1930-34).
RAH	Register of Ancestors, The Huguenot Society of New Jersey, 2nd Edition (1956), compiled by Sara Morton Koehler (Mrs. Albert F. Koehler), 26 Berkeley Heights Park, Bloomfield, N. J.
RH	Rikers History of Harlem (Edition of 1904).
S	Simonson Families of Staten Island, Van Name (1959). Copies available.
SHGM	Stilwell, John E. Historical and Genealogical Misc. 5 Vols.
SI	Collections of the N.Y. Gen. and Bio. Society, Vol. IV.
SIA	Proceedings Staten Island Association of Arts and Sciences.
SIH	Staten Island Historian, pub. by S. I. Historical Society.
SIHS	Staten Island Historical Society. Letter (to Miss Lucas).
SII	Proceedings Staten Island Institute of Arts and Sciences.
SIP	Staten Island and Its People, by Leng and Davis (1930).
SQ	Somerset County Historical Society Quarterly, 8 Vols.(1912-1919).
StA	Davis, William Thompson, Church of St. Andrews, Staten Isl. (1925).
STR	Stryker, William S. Officers and men of N.J. in the Revolution. (1872).
VN	Pierre Billiou, The Walloon, by Van Name (Rev. 1958). Copies available.
VV	Van Voorhis, Elias W. A genealogy of the Van Voorhees family. (1868).
W	Wilson and Allied Families by A. R. Justice (1929).
WL	Letter Benjamin C. Warnick (Freehold, N.J.) to Miss Lucas.
WNYHS	New York Historical Society Collections.(Wills.)
WPF	Forman, Wm. P. Records of the descendants of John Forman (1885).
WSH	Hornor, William Stockton, This Old Monmouth of Ours... (1932).

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